

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-2642

Dundalk Elementary School

2717 Playfield Street

Dundalk, Baltimore County

Circa 1925

Public

Constructed circa 1925, Dundalk Elementary School is located in Dundalk in the Twelfth District of Baltimore County. Dundalk initially developed as a station along the Baltimore and Sparrows Point Railroad and was named for the home of Henry McShane, who operated a foundry in the community. Dundalk's growth occurred over two distinct phases. The purchase by the Bethlehem Steel Corporation in 1916 of 1,000 acres for the construction of worker housing was the initial spark that ignited the community's expansion. A short period of stagnation between 1920 and 1924 ended with the re-involvement of the Dundalk Company in the community. It was at this point that the commercial district was created, forming a central core in the town. Whereas Dundalk's population in 1920 was only 2,000 inhabitants, this number had climbed to 8,000 only ten years later. The Dundalk Elementary School is not shown on the Bromley Atlas of 1915. The location of the school originally was part of J.W. Sparks property.

The Dundalk Elementary School, dates circa 1925, and is sited in a suburban setting on a level lot with foundation plantings, landscaping, and mature trees and shrubs. A paved parking lot surround the building except for the façade. With Art Deco detailing, the school is constructed of five-course American bond and stands two stories and measures nine bays across. It features an H-shaped footprint. The center entrance contains one single-leaf and one double-leaf plate glass doors. The entrance has a concrete block surround with carved pilasters and shield. The replacement windows are 1/1 double-hung vinyl sash and 2/2 (horizontal lights) double-hung wood sash. Each window has a 1-light transom and soldier-course lintels. Above the flat roof building is one exterior-side brick chimney detailed with sawtooth brick courses. Other details include cast concrete water table, sills, quoins, stringcourse, and cornice.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Dundalk Elementary School

other

2. Location

street and number	2717 Playfield Street	not for publication
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city, town	Dundalk	vicinity
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county	Baltimore County
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3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name	Board of Education
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street and number	940 York Road	telephone	Not Available
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city, town	Towson	state	MD	zip code	21204
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4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 103, 491

city, town	Towson	liber	n/a	folio	n/a
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5. Primary Location of Additional Data

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
☐ Other

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
___ district	X public	___ agriculture landscape	Contributing Noncontributing
X building(s)	___ private	___ commerce/trade recreation/culture	___ 1 ___ 6 buildings
___ structure	___ both	___ defense religion	___ sites
___ site		___ domestic social	___ 2 structures
___ object		X education transportation	___ objects
		___ funerary work in progress	___ Total
		___ government unknown	
		___ health care vacant/not in use	
		___ industry other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			1

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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One circa 1995 concession stand is associated with the school. It is brick construction with a front gable roof covered with corrugated-sheet metal. Five portable classrooms, dating circa 1995, are one story and five bays wide. They are clad in vertical-board siding and capped with a side-gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. The school has one soccer and two baseball fields, one basketball court, four tennis courts, and one playground.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates	1925 ca.	Architect/Builder	unknown
Construction dates	1925 ca.		

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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ENDNOTES

1. Neal A. Brooks and Eric G. Rockel, A History of Baltimore County (Towson, MD: Friends of the Towson Library, Inc., 1979), pp. 327-330.
2. Map of Baltimore County (Philadelphia, PA: G.W. Bromley, 1915).

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 3.85 acres

Acreage of historical setting 3.85 acres

Quadrangle name Baltimore East

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Dundalk Elementary School, constructed circa 1925, is located at 2717 Playfield Street in Dundalk in the Twelfth District of Baltimore County. It has historically been associated with tax map 103 parcel 491 since its construction.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

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MD SHPO

SCHOOL, SOUTH CORNER

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SCHOOL, WEST CORNER

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NORTHEAST ELEVATION

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